is 12.5% for North Eastern States, Sikkim and J&K and 20% for the other States. Since this is only a "Floor Rate", the States can fix a rate higher than this rate.

According to the information received, the States/UTs, who have fixed the rates of tax on diesel below the UFR, are NCT of Delhi (12.5%), Punjab (8.8%), Haryana (12%), Himachal Pradesh (14%), J&K (12%), Mizoram (12%) and Nagaland (12%). Regarding reasons for fixing rates below UFR, Punjab has stated that the State's economy is primarily agrarian and higher rate of diesel would adversely affect agriculture and that the State Assembly did not approve revision of the 8.8% rate. Haryana has stated that the low rate of tax is due to low rate of tax in Punjab and because Haryana being an agrarian State had to protect the farmers. The contention of NCT of Delhi and Himachal Pradesh is that they had to keep the tax rate low, because the rate was below UFR in their neighbouring States. In case of other States, the deviations are of marginal nature.

Low Per Capita Income

†1619. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is among the ten big countries of the world in terms of Gross Domestic Product;

(b) if so, the names of these ten big countries of the world and the rate at which their Gross Domestic Product has been assessed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite having higher GDP India's per capita income is very low as compared to these countries; and

(d) if so, what is India's position in the world in terms of its per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) As per the information available in the World Development Indicators Database of the World Bank, Gross

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Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices and per capita Gross National Income (GNI) in 2004 are indicated as follows:

	Country	GDP at current prices (millions of US dollars)	GNI per capita (US dollars)
1.	United States	11,667,515	41400
2.	Japan	4,623,398	37180
3.	Germany	2,714,418	30120
4.	United Kingdom	2,140,898	33940
5.	France	2,002,582	30090
6.	Italy	1,672,302	26120
7.	China	1,649,329	1290
8.	Spain	991,442	21210
9.	Canada	979,764	28390
10.	India	691,876	620

India has been ranked 10th in terms of GDP at current prices, in 2004 as per the World Development Indicators of the World Bank while the country is ranked 159th in terms of per capita GNI.

Categorisation for Capital Investments

†1620. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to give permission for investment in Government institutes the Department of Disinvestment has divided them into two categories;

(b) if so, the details of these categories and the recommendations made for capital investment under each category; and

(c) the decision of Government regarding acceptance of these recommendations?

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